

Senate Study Bill 3116 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION _____
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STATE GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION
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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the consideration of bills
3 by each house of the general assembly.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article III of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is
4 amended by adding the following new section:

5 **Consideration of bills.** SEC. 16A. A majority of all the
6 members elected to a house of the general assembly shall
7 be sufficient to require consideration of a bill or joint
8 resolution in that house. The rules of each house shall
9 provide that a bill or joint resolution, duly introduced,
10 upon the filing with the presiding officer of the house of
11 a written petition for the consideration by the full house
12 of such bill or joint resolution signed by a majority of all
13 the members elected to that house, shall be called up for
14 debate within fifteen legislative days of such filing of the
15 petition. Within fifteen legislative days of the bill or joint
16 resolution being called up for debate, all amendments to the
17 bill or joint resolution shall be considered and disposed
18 of and the bill or joint resolution shall be read for the
19 last time and immediately placed upon its final passage.
20 Within five legislative days of final passage of the bill
21 or joint resolution, any motions to reconsider the bill or
22 joint resolution shall be disposed of and the bill or joint
23 resolution shall be immediately messaged to the other house.

24 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment
25 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the
26 general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
27 for members of the general assembly, and the secretary of
28 state is directed to cause the same to be published for three
29 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as
30 provided by law.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
35 Constitution of the State of Iowa providing for the rules

1 of each house of the general assembly relating to the
2 consideration of bills. The amendment provides that upon
3 filing a written petition for the consideration of a bill
4 or joint resolution signed by a majority of all the members
5 elected to that house, the bill or joint resolution shall be
6 called up for debate within 15 legislative days, all amendments
7 disposed of and the bill or joint resolution considered for
8 final passage within 15 legislative days once called up for
9 debate, and any motions to reconsider following passage shall
10 be disposed of and the bill or joint resolution messaged to the
11 other house within five legislative days after passage.
12 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next
13 general assembly for adoption before being submitted to the
14 electorate for ratification.